

and system alternatives being considered for the project.

The Forest Service is serving as lead federal agency for the preparation of an environmental impact statement which will evaluate the purpose, need, and routing alternatives for the proposed project. The decision to be made is whether to allow the use of portions of Forest Service land and/or Public Land managed by the BLM for siting a transmission line facility. The Forest Service has invited other affected agencies to participate in the environmental process as cooperating agencies including the USDI Bureau of Land Management; and the USDA Rural Utility Services.

Preliminary issues associated with this proposal include effects on visual resources, effects on public and private land use, coordination with Grand County land use planning, potential effects of electro magnetic fields, commitment of resources and demonstrated public safety needs.

The Forest Service invites comments and suggestions on the scope of the analysis to be documented in the draft environmental impact statement. In addition, the Forest Service gives notice that it is beginning a full environmental analysis and decision-making process for this proposal so that interested or affected people may know how they may participate in the environmental analysis and contribute to the final decision. A public "scoping" meeting is scheduled for January 20, 1995 in Fraser, Colorado. The purpose of this workshop is to learn what issues and concerns members of the public or interested agencies have that are connected to the proposal and should be considered. Knowledge of these issues and concerns will help establish the scope of the Forest Service's environmental analysis and define the range of alternatives to be considered. The Forest Service welcomes any public comments on the proposal.

The responsible officials will be the Forest Supervisor, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grasslands, 240 West Prospect Road, Fort Collins, Colorado and District Manager, Craig District, 455 Emerson Street, Craig, Colorado 81625.

It is anticipated the draft environmental impact statement will be published in September, 1995 and the final environmental impact statement in January, 1996.

The comment period on the draft environmental impact statement will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes the Notice of Availability (NOA) in the **Federal Register**.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft environmental impact statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages of chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council of Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points. Please note that comments you make on the draft environmental impact statement will be regarded as public information.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### National Park Service

### Fish & Wildlife Service

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

### Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy and Program Review

**AGENCIES:** Forest Service, USDA; Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, United States Fish & Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice; initiation of a Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy and Program Review.

**SUMMARY:** An Interagency Steering Group has been formed to examine wildland fire management policies, goals, and objectives and to ensure that uniform policies and cohesive programs are in place to carry out an effective, efficient, and safe program. This effort will ultimately result in a report to the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior containing recommendations on federal wildland fire management policy and strategic goals and objectives.

**DATES:** Comments must be in writing and will be accepted until (February 2, 1995.)

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be directed to: Federal Wildfire Policy Review, Department of the Interior, 18th & C Streets NW, Mail Stop 7355, Washington, D.C. 20240, or via electronic mail to: Fire @ IOS . DOI . GOV.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tim Hartzell, Bureau of Land Management, phone (202) 208-5472; or John Chambers, USDA-Forest Service, phone (202) 205-1505.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Interagency Steering Committee will examine the full range of wildland fire management issues and policies, with special emphasis on:

- The role of fire in natural resource management, including appropriate strategies for integrating fire into the management of ecosystems as a whole;
- Wildland fire protection and preparedness capabilities and resources needed to meet national needs;
- Use of prescribed fire and other fuel treatments needed to meet resource management objectives;
- The appropriate role of Federal, State, local, and private organizations in the wildland/urban interface.

The committee is seeking public input in identifying key issues associated with these topics, related concerns, and suggestions on how those issues and concerns may be resolved.

A number of related efforts are currently under way, or have been completed, that will also help in identifying issues and making recommendations, including:

- Report of the Interagency Management Review Team, South Canyon Fire—October 17, 1994
- Rural Fire Protection in America, National Association of State Foresters—1991
- Oversight Hearing; Fire Suppression, Fire Prevention, and Forest Health Issues and Programs; Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Natural Resources, House of Representatives—October 4, 1994
- National Commission on Wildfire Disasters; Sampson, Chair—1994
- Western Forest Health Initiative Report, USDA-Forest Service—1994
- Fire Management Strategic Assessment Report, USDA-Forest Service (draft)—1994
- Fire Management and Ecosystem Health in the National Park system, DOI-National Park Service—1994

A draft report is expected to be issued by April 24, 1995. At that time the public will have an additional opportunity to review the draft report and make comments. The report shall contain recommendations on:

- Federal wildland fire management policy and strategic goals and objectives for the federal wildland fire management program;
- Barriers and obstacles (administrative, regulatory, and statutory) that prevent accomplishment of recommended fire management policy and strategic goals and objectives;
- Specific actions necessary to overcome those barriers and obstacles.

The final report is expected to be forwarded to the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior by August 15, 1995.

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## **Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration**

### **Opportunity for Designation in the Enid (OK) Area**

**AGENCY:** Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act), provides that official agency designations shall end not later than triennially and may be renewed. The designation of Enid Grain Inspection Company, Inc. (Enid), will end June 30, 1995, according to the Act, and GIPSA is asking persons interested in providing official services in the Enid area to submit an application for designation.

**DATES:** Applications must be postmarked or sent by telecopier (FAX) on or before January 31, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications must be submitted to Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647 South Building, P.O. Box 96454, Washington, DC 20090-6454. Telecopier (FAX) users may send applications to the automatic telecopier machine at 202-720-1015, attention: Janet M. Hart. If an application is submitted by telecopier, GIPSA reserves the right to request an original application. All applications will be made available for public inspection at this address located at 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., during regular business hours.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Janet M. Hart, telephone 202-720-8525.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

Section 7(f)(1) of the Act authorizes GIPSA' Administrator to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services.

GIPSA designated Enid, main office located in Enid, Oklahoma, to provide official inspection services under the Act on July 1, 1992.

Section 7(g)(1) of the Act provides that designations of official agencies shall end no later than triennially and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in Section 7(f) of the Act. The designation of Enid end on June 30, 1995.

The geographic area presently assigned to Enid, pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, which will be assigned to the applicant selected for designation is as follows: Adair, Alfalfa, Atoka, Blaine, Bryan, Caddo, Canadian, Carter, Cherokee, Choctaw, Cleveland, Coal, Comanche, Cotton, Craig, Creek, Custer, Delaware, Dewey, Garfield, Garvin, Grady, Grant, Greer, Harmon, Haskell, Hughes, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnston, Kay, Kingfisher, Kiowa, Latimer, Le Flore, Lincoln, Logan, Love, McClain, McCurtain, McIntosh, Major, Marshall, Mayes, Murray, Muskogee, Noble, Nowata, Okfuskee, Oklahoma, Okmulgee, Osage, Ottawa, Pawnee, Payne, Pittsburg, Pontotoc, Pottawatomie, Pushmataha, Rogers, Seminole, Sequoyah, Stephens, Tillman, Tulsa, Wagoner, Washington, Washita, Woods, and Woodward Counties, Oklahoma.

Interested persons, including Enid, are hereby given the opportunity to apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic area specified above under the provisions of Section 7(f) of the Act and section 800.196(d) of the regulations issued thereunder. Designation in the Enid area is for the period beginning July 1, 1995, and ending no later than June 30, 1998. Persons wishing to apply for designation should contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information.

Applications and other available information will be considered in determining which applicant will be designated.

**AUTHORITY:** Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*)

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### **Opportunity to Comment on the Applicants for the Detroit (MI), Jinks (IL), Keokuk (IA), and Michigan (MI) Areas**

**AGENCY:** Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** GIPSA requests comments on the applicants for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas currently assigned to Detroit Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Detroit), Jinks Grain Weighing Service (Jinks), Keokuk Grain Inspection Service (Keokuk), and Michigan Grain Inspection Services, Inc. (Michigan).